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# Winter Outdoors

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## Introduction

This publication describes the many opportunities for winter recreation which are available in Ontario's Provincial Parks. It also describes public trails for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling which are maintained by the Ministry of Natural Resources on public (government-owned) land.



# Winter Activities in Ontario Provincial Parks

You can enjoy a wide variety of activities in Ontario Provincial Parks. The accompanying chart on page 29 outlines opportunities which are available, and on the following pages are more detailed descriptions of those parks which offer special winter facilities. Here is the range of activities you might expect to find.

## Cross-Country Skiing, Showshoeing and Hiking

These winter sports are permitted in all Provincial Parks. In a few parks you will find marked and groomed cross-country ski trails but in most you will have to make your own way.

## Snowmobiling

In some parks groomed trails are provided. In others, snowmobiling is permitted only on park roads when snow depth exceeds 15 centimetres. In other parks, such as Nature Reserve parks, snowmobiling is prohibited. Snowmobilers are reminded that they must be properly licenced and insured to ride machines in Provincial Parks.

## Winter Camping

Winter camping is allowed in some Provincial Parks, but it is important to note that most parks are unsupervised and facilities, if available are very limited. For this reason it is important to have an experienced person in your group and the proper equipment. Some parks are gated, thus preventing vehicular access. Plowed parking lots may not always be provided; however, all parks can be entered on foot. Check with the appropriate district office in advance for detailed information.

## Other Winter Activities

Many parks present excellent opportunities for tobogganing. Some parks maintain natural ice surfaces and a few have artificial ice rinks. In others, visitors may enjoy ice fishing.

## Fees

Fees may be charged at Provincial Parks for winter activities. The current rates are as follows:

Daily vehicle entry permit (day use)	\$2.00
Reduced Rate	1.00
Daily snowmobile entry permit	1.00
Daily ski-tow permit (Remi Lake only)	3.00
Annual Family ski-tow permit	75.00
Annual Individual ski-tow permit	30.00
Skating (artificial ice)	.50



## Parks With Winter Activities

### Algonquin Provincial Park

Huntsville-North Bay-Pembroke area

Algonquin Provincial Park offers snowshoeing trails and four groomed cross-country ski trails for a variety of topography and opportunities for landscape and wildlife viewing:

**Fen Lake**, 13 km loop, starting from West Gate;

**Mew Lake**, 25 km, Mew Lake to Whitney, with entrances at Mew, Pog, Rock Lakes and Whitney;

**Sunday Lake**, 18 km round trip;

**Leaf Lake**, 5, 7.8 and 8 km loops.

Mew Lake Campground is open for winter camping free of charge with limited facilities and no electricity.

Firewood is provided but visitors must bring their own water and any heat supply they need. Winter fishing is prohibited in the Park. Snowmobiling is allowed only along the Hydroline right-of-way in Clyde Township.

For more information contact:

Park Superintendent,  
Algonquin Provincial Park,  
Whitney, Ontario K0J 2M0  
(705) 633-5572.

### Arrowhead Provincial Park

Huntsville area

Cross-country ski trails are marked and groomed. Downhill skiing is available near the park at one of Ontario's major ski areas. After January 1, ice-fishing for brook trout is allowed in Mayflower and Arrowhead Lakes. There are excellent slopes for tobogganing and an outdoor skating rink. The road will be plowed to the skating rink. Snowmobiling is prohibited in the park, however, many snowmobile trails exist outside and surrounding Arrowhead.

For more information contact:

Park Superintendent,  
Arrowhead Provincial Park  
R.R. #3  
Huntsville, Ontario P0A 1K0  
(705) 789-5105.

### Awenda Provincial Park

Penetanguishene Area

Awenda Provincial Park provides approximately 10 km of marked cross-country ski trails, beginning and ending at the plowed parking lot. The trails are novice to intermediate in degree of difficulty. A warm-up shelter is also provided. Snowmobiling is restricted to groomed trails only.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources  
Midhurst, Ontario  
L0L 1X0  
(705) 728-2900.

### Balsam Lake Provincial Park

Lindsay area

Balsam Lake provides a 5 km marked cross-country ski trail. Snowmobiling is restricted to the groomed 7 km trail.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
322 Kent Street West,  
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 4T7  
(705) 324-6121  
OR  
Park Superintendent,  
Balsam Lake Provincial Park  
R.R. #1  
Kirkfield, Ontario K0M 2B6  
(705) 454-3324

### Bass Lake Provincial Park

Orillia area

Bass Lake Provincial Park provides 4 km of marked cross-country ski trails. A plowed parking lot provides access to adjoining snowmobile trails crossing Bass Lake. Snowmobiling is prohibited within the park.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0  
(705) 728-2900.



## **Bon Echo Provincial Park**

Tweed area

Bon Echo, located on both sides of Highway 41, 30 km north of Kaladar (on Highway 7), offers snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. All trails begin and end at the visitor parking lot. Facilities include a plowed parking lot and vault toilets.

Two groomed snowmobile routes, totalling 80 km, travel through the park's scenic and natural terrain.

**The Outward Bound Trail**, 48 km, leaves Bon Echo to explore areas outside the park boundaries, following a circular route past Pringle, Skootamatta and Sheldrake Lakes. It passes west of the village of Cloyne, and returns to the park.

**The Rainy Lake Trail**, 42 km, travels westward and connects with an extensive system of trails developed by the Highlands of Hastings Tourist Region.

**The Sawmill Bay Cross-Country Ski Trails** consist of three groomed loops, 1, 2, and 3 km long. The 3 km trail provides good viewing of Bon Echo Rock.

Brochure not yet available.

For more information and maps, contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Metcalfe Street,  
Tweed, Ontario K0K 3J0  
(613) 478-2330.

## **Bronte Creek Provincial Park**

Oakville-Burlington area

The following programs are offered at Bronte Creek Provincial Park throughout the winter months:

A wide selection of groomed cross-country ski trails, totalling 13 km, is available at Bronte Creek. Some are accessible from the park's day-use area and others are accessible from Highway 25 and Upper Middle Road. Caution should be exercised when skiing near the ravine edge.

The South Quadrant Trails include:

**Mice, Men and Maiden's Blush Trail**, 2 km, is one of the best areas in the park to see winter birds, rabbits, mice and deer.

**The Logging Trail**, 1 km, travels through an 80 year old forest.

**Farm Row Trail**, 3 km, follows the back lane to Spruce Lane Farm. Trails in the North Quadrant are more difficult than the South Quadrant.

**The Ravine Edge Trail**, 3 km, follows the ravine edge for half the trail then winds back through the bush to the start. Skiers are cautioned to stay 2 metres away from the ravine edge because of snow overhangs.

**Field and Forest Trail**, 5 km, meanders through woodlots of various ages and along field edges.

An artificial ice skating rink (30 m x 50 m) is available for use from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no hockey sticks allowed). Heated change rooms and music are provided and the skating rink is floodlit at night. A concession booth is open for refreshments on weekends.

Two toboggan runs are located adjacent to the ice skating rink. Each run is between 15 and 18 metres high and approximately 250 metres long.

There are no camping facilities at Bronte Creek, either winter or summer, and snowmobiling is prohibited.

For more information contact:

Park Superintendent,  
Bronte Creek Provincial Park,  
1219 Burloak Drive,  
Burlington, Ontario L7R 3X5  
(416) 827-6911 (toll free number from Toronto)  
(416) 335-0023 (toll free number from Burlington or Hamilton).



### **Carillon Provincial Park**

Hawkesbury area

Carillon Provincial Park, just off Highway 417, allows snowmobiling on park roads only and maintains 10 km of cross-country ski trails on rolling, partially forested terrain. Facilities include plowed parking lot and vault toilets.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 1749, 113 Amelia Street,  
Cornwall, Ontario K6H 5V7  
(613) 933-1774.

### **Charleston Lake Provincial Park**

Brockville area

Extensive snowmobile trails are provided at Charleston Lake Provincial Park and Park Reserve, 16 km north of Highway 401, interchange 108 via Country Road #3. In the park, snowmobiles are restricted to the main park road and the Killenbeck-Runnings Bay Portage. All other trails are in the park reserve across the lake. Here they pass through heavily wooded, sharply broken terrain providing scenic and challenging riding. Access to the 50 km trail system is available from a number of points along the north, east and south perimeters of the park reserve.

The 16 km of cross-country ski trails at Charleston Lake consist of three loop trails varying in length and degree of difficulty, all accessible from the parking area. There are two warm-up cabins located along the trail system. Map and brochures are available upon entry.

Facilities provided in the park include vault toilets and parking.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
101 Water Street West,  
Brockville, Ontario K6V 5Y8  
(613) 342-8524.

### **Darlington Provincial Park**

Oshawa-Bowmanville area

A 3.2 km cross-country ski trail designed for the novice skier. The marked trail is ideal for beginners and families with young children. The trail is not groomed. Parking is available for 20 cars near the main park office.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
322 Kent Street West,  
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 4T7  
(705) 324-6121  
OR Park Superintendent  
Darlington Provincial Park  
R.R. #2  
Bowmanville, Ontario L1C 3K3  
(416) 723-4341.

### **Earl Rowe Provincial Park**

Alliston area

Earl Rowe Provincial Park provides 4.5 km of marked ungroomed cross-country ski trails and a plowed parking area just off the 7th Concession. There is plenty of open space for snowshoeing, and ice skating is allowed on a section of the man-made lake. Also a large tobogganing hill is located north of the park office.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0  
(705) 728-2900.

### **Ferris Provincial Park**

Campbellford area

Snowmobiling permitted on marked trails only. The Ferris Park groomed cross-country ski trail winds through the rolling drumlin hills and scenic woodlands of the park. Picnic tables and firewood are available along the trail. A brochure is available.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
1 Richmond Blvd.,  
Napane, Ontario K7R 3S3  
(613) 354-2173.



**Finlayson Point Provincial Park**

Temagami area

This park offers a series of marked and groomed cross-country ski trails and snowmobiling trails.

Parking facilities are limited.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 38,  
Temagami, Ontario P0H 2H0  
(705) 569-3622.

**Fitzroy Provincial Park**

Arnprior area

Fitzroy's 6 km groomed snowmobile trail connects with trails on township roads and private land in the vicinity of Fitzroy Harbour.

A 5 km ski trail is located in Fitzroy Provincial Park, 11 km from Highway 17. In winter, access to the park is directly through the village of Fitzroy Harbour.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Ramsayville, Ontario K0A 2Y0  
(613) 822-2525.

**Iroquois Beach Provincial Park**

Aylmer area

Located just west of Port Burwell on Lake Erie. Iroquois Beach has 4.8 km of snowmobile trails.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
353 Talbot Street West,  
Aylmer, Ontario N5H 2S8  
(519) 773-9241.

**Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park**

Thunder Bay area

10 km of park roads are groomed to provide cross-country trails for cross-country skiers and snowshoers. The area is accessible via Highway 590 and the Harstone Road.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
435 James Street South, P.O. Box 5000,  
Thunder Bay "F", Ontario P7G 5G6  
(807) 475-1531.

**Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park**

Kirkland Lake area

**The Upland Circle Cross-Country Ski Trail**

A 5 km circuitous cross-country ski trail is groomed, as well as 5 km of snowmobile trails on park roads. A parking area is plowed adjacent to the gate.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 129, Swastika,  
Ontario P0K 1T0  
(705) 642-3222.

**Kettle Lakes Provincial Park**

Timmins area

Three interconnecting cross-country ski loops of 3, 6 and 8 km start from a common plowed parking area at the park's entrance. The groomed trails pass through gently rolling terrain with a variety of tree cover. A shelter is located mid-way on the 6 km loop. A heated wax shack and privies are located 1 km from the parking area.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
896 Riverside Drive,  
Timmins, Ontario P4N 3W2  
(705) 264-1262.

**Lake Superior Provincial Park**

Wawa area

Located off Highway 17, Lake Superior Provincial Park offers an abundance of winter activities. Presently there is a 15 km loop system of groomed and marked cross-country ski trails with more being developed each year. Unlimited snowshoeing opportunities and good winter ice fishing are also available. Plowed vehicle parking can be found at the Mijinemungshing Road entrance and at the Agawa Bay Work Centre. A good selection of motels are available in nearby Wawa and Montreal River.

For more information contact:

Park Superintendent,  
Lake Superior Provincial Park  
Box 1160,  
Wawa, Ontario P0S 1K0  
(705) 856-2396.



### **Murphys Point Provincial Park**

#### **Perth area**

The Lanark ski trails are located in Murphys Point Provincial Park, 19 km south of Perth. Some trails follow the park roads. The 3 km Day-Use Trail traverses rolling forested terrain. A 2 km trail follows a section of the **Rideau Trail** which passes through the park. A third trail, 1 km long, follows unplowed campground roads and adjacent fields. A total of 19 km of trails are well marked and partially groomed. Brochures are available at the parking lot.

Park facilities provided include a parking lot for 25 cars and vault toilets. Meals and accommodation are available in Perth and Smith Falls.

A fee of \$1.00 is charged; on an honour pay system.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 239, Lanark,  
Ontario K0G 1K0  
(613) 259-2108.

### **Ojibway Provincial Park**

#### **Sioux Lookout area**

This park offers 7.5 km of groomed cross-country ski trails. The parking lot is plowed and information and maps can be picked up at the lot.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 309,  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario P0V 2T0  
(807) 737-1140.

### **Outlet Beach Provincial Park**

#### **Picton area**

(Now incorporated with Sandbanks Provincial Park. See page 7.)

### **Pinery Provincial Park**

#### **Grand Bend area**

Pinery provides 22.5 km of groomed snowmobile trails (providing there is 15 cm of snow) and 31 km of groomed cross-country ski trails. There is tobogganing and a natural ice skating rink at Pinery, however, downhill skiing will not be available in 1980/81. The park is located south of Grand Bend on Lake Huron. Winter camping is available for special groups only.

Visitors are encouraged to utilize the cross-country ski trails from Monday to Friday as weekend use is heavy.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 1168, 45 Grand Avenue West,  
Chatham, Ontario N7M 5L8  
(519) 354-7340.

### **Presqu'île Provincial Park**

#### **Brighton area**

There are no maintained snowmobile trails available. Two groomed cross-country ski trails totally 13.5 km in length are provided which wind through mostly wooded areas. Picnic tables and firewood are available along the trails. Vault toilets and facilities for parking are provided. A brochure is available.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
1 Richmond Blvd.,  
Napanea, Ontario K7R 3S3  
(613) 354-2173.



### **Quetico Provincial Park**

Thunder Bay area

Winter camping is permitted in Quetico Provincial Park, however, no facilities are provided. The roads are plowed to the staff quarters at French Lake. Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are also permitted. All wilderness trips must be reported to the park head-quarters at Nym Lake. Snowmobiling is prohibited.

For more information contact:

Quetico Provincial Park,  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0  
(807) 597-2735.

### **Remi Lake Winter Recreation Area**

Kapuskasing area

11 km of interconnecting cross-country ski trails are maintained in addition to tobogganing and an alpine ski area with a vertical drop of 44 metres and a maximum run of 490 metres. Parking areas are located near the chalet and a half kilometre north-west of the main entrance.

A log chalet, complete with stone fireplace, is available for your comfort and enjoyment. The chalet provides a variety of services such as: a snack bar, ski rental shop, plus tables and benches for eating lunch or for just relaxing. Restrooms are also located in the building.

For more information contact:

District Manager, Kapuskasing District,  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
6 Government Road,  
Kapuskasing, Ontario P5N 2W4  
(705) 335-6191.

### **Rideau River Provincial Park**

Kemptville area

10 km of groomed snowmobile trails are located in and adjacent to Rideau River Provincial Park, 5 km north of Kemptville area. They follow park and forest access roads.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Ramsayville, Ontario K0A 2Y0  
(613) 822-2525.

### **Rondeau Provincial Park**

Chatham area

The park, located 7 km south of Morpeth off Highway 3, has snowshoeing trails, 6 km of cross-country skiing and 15 km of snowmobile trails providing there is 15 cm of snow.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 1168, 45 Grand Avenue West,  
Chatham, Ontario N7M 5L8  
(519) 354-7340.

### **Rushing River Provincial Park**

Kenora area

Seven cross-country ski trails varying in length from 1 to 7 km are maintained and groomed in the park. The trails are well marked and brochures are available. Snowshoeing is also encouraged. Facilities include vault toilets and a picnic shelter is maintained with firewood for those wishing a winter cook-out. Snowmobiling is prohibited.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 5080, 808 Robertson Street,  
Kenora, Ontario P9N 3X7  
(807) 468-9841.



### **Sandbanks Provincial Park**

Picton area

At Sandbanks cross-country skiing is available both off the trail and on 11 km of groomed trails.

Snowmobiling is permitted only along 14 km of groomed trails primarily on campground roads in the Outlet Beach Section of Sandbanks. Parking areas and vault toilets are provided, and a brochure including a ski trail map is available.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
1 Richmond Blvd.,  
Napane, Ontario K7R 3S3  
(613) 354-2173.

### **Sharbot Lake Provincial Park**

Tweed area

Snowmobiling allowed on park roads only, however, they are not groomed. Cross-country ski trails are not groomed. Vault toilets and parking are provided.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Metcalf Street,  
Tweed, Ontario K0K 3J0  
(613) 478-2330.

### **Sibbald Point Provincial Park**

Sutton West area

Sibbald Point Provincial Park will not offer camping during 1980/81 winter season.

Recreational activities include snowmobiling on park roads only (snowmobiling is prohibited elsewhere), cross-country skiing on nature trails, and ice fishing on Lake Simcoe.

For more information contact:  
Park Superintendent,  
Sibbald Point Provincial Park,  
R.R. 2, Sutton West, Ontario L0E 1R0  
(416) 722-3268.

### **Sibley Provincial Park**

Thunder Bay area

Highway 587 between Pass Lake and Silver Islet has five winter access/parking areas which lead to a network of groomed cross-country ski and snowshoe trails. 60 km of scenic trails over rolling hills and around lakes offer winter recreationists spectacular views.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
435 James Street South, P.O. Box 5000,  
Thunder Bay "F", Ontario P7C 5G6  
(807) 475-1531.

### **Silent Lake Provincial Park**

Bancroft area

The cross-country ski trails at Silent Lake Provincial Park, 80 km north of Peterborough, travel over varied topography through sections of the park's campgrounds, near beaver dams and through a variety of timber stands. All the trails start at and return to the day-use area parking lot.

LOOP #1 is approximately 3 km in length and is designed for the novice skier. This trail is ideal for beginners and families with younger children.

LOOP #2 is approximately 6 km in length and designed for the novice skiers. Sections of the trail are located close to park roads and facilities in the event that you need assistance or wish to return to your vehicle.

LOOP #3 is approximately 13 km in length and is somewhat more challenging than Loop #2.

LOOP #4 is 19 km in length and will take you around the lake. It is designed for more experienced skiers.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 500, Bancroft, Ontario K0L 1C0  
(613) 332-3940.



**Silver Lake Provincial Park**

Lanark area

Snowmobiling permitted on park roads only. Cross-country ski trails are not groomed nor are parking spaces plowed. Vault privies are available.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 239, Lanark, Ontario K0G 1K0  
(613) 259-2108.

**Springwater Provincial Park**

Barrie area

Located off Highway 26 west of Highway 27 (north of Barrie), Springwater provides three marked, looped cross-country ski trails.

- GREEN TRAIL — Easy 2.4 km
- BLUE TRAIL — Intermediate 4 km
- RED TRAIL — Difficult 4.8 km

The trails wind through pine plantation and cedar lowland. Skiing is also encouraged in other areas of the park. Plowed parking areas and heated washroom facilities are available.

A waterfowl and wildlife exhibit is on display in the park.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0  
(705) 728-2900.

**Turkey Point Provincial Park**

Simcoe area

Located 21 km south of Simcoe, Turkey Point provides 25 km of marked snowmobile trails on park roads only.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
645 Norfolk Street North,  
Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 3R2  
(519) 426-7650.

**Wasaga Beach Provincial Park**

Collingwood area

The snowmobile trails in Wasaga Beach join a trunk network of marked, groomed trails running overland to and beyond such centres as Blue Mountain, Penetanguishene and Barrie. The trails are groomed in cooperation with two local snowmobile clubs.

Within the town itself are many kilometres of marked, regularly groomed trails, some of which traverse the natural wooded dunes area.

Approximately 21 km of cross-country ski trails are located in the dunes area of Wasaga Beach. This area contains unique sand dunes that offer a variety of terrain and forest cover.

Three trails within the area are each designed for different levels of skiing ability. Shelters and toilets are available within the skiing area.

Directional signs lead to the areas from County Road 10, Highway 92, and Highway 26.

An artificial ice skating rink is open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Oakview Woods Recreation Complex in Wasaga Beach. A place to change your skates is located just outside the rink, and washrooms are available. Music is provided and the rink is floodlit at night. A fee of \$.50 per person per day is charged; there is no charge for senior citizens.

For more information contact any of the following:  
Wasaga Beach Provincial Park,  
P.O. Box 183  
Wasaga Beach, Ontario L0L 2P0  
(705) 429-2516  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Wasaga Beach, Ontario  
(705) 429-2247  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0  
(705) 728-2900.



**Ministry-Operated Snowmobile Trails  
on Public Land**

Many snowmobile trails have been developed on Public Land by the Ministry of Natural Resources in order to supplement trails established by snowmobile clubs and municipalities. Located in areas with a dependable snow cover, these trails are well marked and are maintained to high standards.

The trails may be used free of charge and generally have facilities such as plowed parking areas and garbage containers. Many trails also have fireplaces, picnic tables and toilets, and a few are marked with reflective signs for safe night travel.

Trail descriptions are frequently available in parking areas, either in the form of signboards or pamphlet-type trail guides. You may obtain descriptions by contacting the appropriate District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources, if advance information is required.

Refer to the following map for the location of these trails. The number on the map corresponds to the numbered description below.

**1 Kenora Area Snowmobile Trails**

The Ministry grooms snowmobile trails in the following areas: Minaki — 13 km; Kenora — 41 km; Sioux Narrows — 12 km; Nestor Falls — 18 km.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
808 Robertson Street, P.O. Box 5080,  
Kenora, Ontario P9N 3X7  
(807) 468-9841.

**2 Mameigwess Route — White Otter Route  
Ignace area**

The Mameigwess Route follows a Trans-Canada Pipeline easement west to Camp, Mameigwess and Butler Lakes and provides access to some popular ice fishing areas. The White Otter Route starts at the Ignace Public Beach and leads south across Agimac Lake to the west portage to McNamara Lake. It then proceeds to Bereford Lake and is groomed on a regular basis to Balmoral Lake (although the trail continues on to White Otter Lake).

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 448, Highway 17,  
Ignace, Ontario P0T 1T0  
(807) 934-2233.



### 3 Strawhat Lake Trail System

#### Atikokan area

This series of loops provides 32 km of snowmobile trail. The system may be entered at several locations in or around Atikokan including Willow Road, the high school and the Charleston Pit. The trail follows winding bush trails, old roads and hydro corridors and travels through a variety of terrain. Included in this network is the lookout at Traverse Lake.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0  
(807) 597-6971.

### 4 Nym and Lerome Lake Trails

#### Atikokan area

This 26 km system consists of two trails which extend in a linear fashion from a point approximately 10 km west of Highway 11B on Highway 11 to Nym Lake (east of Highway 11B). The trail utilizes hydro corridors and old roads and can be used as an access for ice fishing.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0  
(807) 597-6971.

### 5 Northerners Snowmobile Area

#### Thunder Bay area

Located off Highway 590 approximately 48 km west of Thunder Bay, an extensive network of loop trails has been developed for snowmobiling. The trails utilize several abandoned bush roads and extend 45 km over rolling terrain. This trail system has been developed and is jointly maintained by the Northerners Snowmobile Club and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
435 James Street South, P.O. Box 5000,  
Thunder Bay "F", Ontario P7C 5G6  
(807) 475-1511.

### 6 Hawkeye Lake Snowmobile Area

#### Thunder Bay Area

This trail network is located on the Gilbride Road 26 km northwest of Thunder Bay. The trails traverse a variety of terrain, and while some flat, straight sections exist, most of the trail winds through forested areas and is thus conducive to leisurely trail riding. The Lakehead Sno Surfers maintain these trails for the public in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
435 James Street South, P.O. Box 5000,  
Thunder Bay "F", Ontario P7C 5G6  
(807) 475-1511



### **7 Red Lake Winter Trail**

Red Lake area

A 27 km circle loop for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing can be reached via Highway 618 (Forestry Road).

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 323,  
Red Lake, Ontario P0V 2M0  
(807) 727-2531.

### **8 Marathon — Heron Bay Trail**

Marathon area

This 12.9 km loop trail runs from Marathon to the Nor-Shore Hotel at Heron Bay and returns to Marathon.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0  
(807) 825-3205.

### **9 Zenmac Mine Trail**

Schreiber area

The Trail passes numerous lakes and streams and includes an interesting variety of terrain. A 48.3 km return trip is possible on this trail. Commencing at Highway 17, 9.7 km west of Schreiber, the trail follows the Zenmac Public Access Road.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0  
(807) 825-3205.

### **10 Cooks Lake Trail**

Schreiber area

This trail provides a 16.1 km round trip from the Cooks Lake Dam west to the Zenmac Public Access Road and return. The terrain is rugged and the trail has several steep hills.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0  
(807) 825-3205.



### **11 Barehead Lake Trail**

Manitouwadge area

Starting at the Manitou Snowdrifters clubhouse on the west side of Highway 614 south of Manitouwadge, this 26 km loop trail leads through moderately rugged terrain to Barehead Lake and returns to its point of origin.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0  
(807) 825-3205.

### **12 Gaug Lake Trail**

Manitouwadge area

From the Manitou Snowdrifter clubhouse the Gaug Lake Trail follows a network of old bush roads through relatively flat country and provides a circuitous route of approximately 26 km.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0  
(807) 825-3205.

### **13 Massey Tote Road**

Massey area

This trail consists of the unplowed portion of Highway 810 (formerly 553) and is located north of Massey. The trail extends 33 km from East Bull Lake to Ritchie Falls and is groomed for two-way traffic, thus making a safe return trip possible.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
P.O. Box 1340,  
Espanola, Ontario P0P 1C0  
(705) 869-1330.

### **14 Seguin Trail**

Parry Sound area

This abandoned railway line has been converted to an excellent snowmobile trail. The parking areas are located 11.5 km south of Parry Sound on Highway 69, and 6.5 km west of Emsdale on Highway 11. The 60 km trail runs roughly parallel to Highway 518 and passes through several small communities along the way.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
4 Miller Street,  
Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1S8  
(705) 746-2141.



### **15 Shawanaga — Pointe Au Baril — Ardbeg Trail**

#### **Parry Sound area**

The trail runs for 42 km through the forests of the central part of the Parry Sound District and has three access points with parking lots. Snowmobiles can park at the Chamber of Commerce in Pointe au Baril, in the Wilson Lake Road parking lot 1.5 km east of Highway 69 and 31.5 km north of Parry Sound, and at Ardbeg.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
4 Miller Street,  
Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1S8  
(705) 746-2141.

### **16 Kearney Trail**

#### **Huntsville area**

Consisting of approximately 30 km of groomed trail, the Kearney Recreation Trail is located at the headwaters of the Magnetewan River, which forms part of the Almaguin Highlands Region, west of Algonquin Park. The parking and access area for this trail is approximately 8 km east of the village of Kearney.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 1138, Bracebridge, Ontario P0B 1C0  
(705) 645-5244.

### **17 Dorset-Oxtongue Recreation Trails**

#### **Dorset-Oxtongue Lake area**

The trail network connects the communities of Dorset and Oxtongue Lake and also passes through one of the few remaining stands of virgin white pine near the Algonquin Provincial Park boundary. Approximately 112 km of maintained trails are provided for your enjoyment. Groomed club trails form a number of connecting links to this trail system. Parking facilities, services and accommodations are available in the immediate area.

This area is readily accessible by travelling east from Highway 11, north of Bracebridge, via Highway 117 to Dorset as well as from Highway 11, at Huntsville, via Highway 60 east to Dwight-Oxtongue Lake area.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 1138, Bracebridge, Ontario P0B 1C0  
(705) 645-5244.



**18 Pakkotinna Trail**

Eganville area

The entrance to this 42 km trail is located 8 km west of Golden Lake on Highway 60. Access may also be gained at a point on Highway 62 approximately 23 km southwest of Pembroke just past Alice Ski Hill Park.

This trail follows old logging roads over hilly country and offers a wide variety of terrain and forest cover, and several excellent viewing points.

For more information and a map contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 220, Riverside Drive,  
Pembroke, Ontario K8A 6X4  
(613) 732-3661.

**19 Rathbun Snowmobile Trail**

Bancroft area

This scenic 50 km trail follows an old route established by the Rathbun Lumber Company. The trail travels west from Highway 28 (Apsley area) through Anstruther and Cavendish Townships to a parking lot located on Highway 507, joining up with the Five Point Snowmobile System (Minden area).

For more information contact:  
District Manager,  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 500, Bancroft, Ontario K0L 1C0  
(613) 332-3940.

**20 Apsley — Nephton Snowmobile Trail**

Bancroft area

The Apsley-Nephton snowmobile trail provides a 50 km scenic corridor from the north-east end of Stoney Lake to the Apsley area.

Parking lots are located off County Road #6, 2 km south-west of the village of Nephton, at the northeast end of Stoney Lake and at the Apsley Community Centre in the village of Apsley.

For more information contact:  
District Manager,  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 500, Bancroft, Ontario K0L 1C0  
(613) 332-3940.

**21 The Five Point Trail**

Minden area

The Five Point Trail System is so named because there are five entrances with parking lots which are located throughout Minden District.

The system is all on Crown Land, and winds its way for 116 km through a variety of pleasant landscapes. One highlight of the trail is the Greens Mountain lookout near Gooderham, which offers a panoramic view of the winter scenery.

Two main core loops are provided, while several linear trails connect it to public trails in the Bancroft, Haliburton, Cobocok, Bobcaygeon and Buckhorn areas.

Toilet facilities and trail maps are provided at intervals along the trail.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0  
(705) 286-1521.





**Cross-Country Ski and  
Snowmobiling Trails on Public Land**

- A to S Cross-Country Skiing
- 1 to 34 Snowmobiling

Refer to text for description of trails







## **22 Whitney — Haliburton Trail**

Bancroft area

The 30 km long McClure Trail provides access from Lake St. Peter to the snowmobile trails in Haliburton County around the southern boundary of Algonquin Park. Snowmobiles can also travel from Lake St. Peter to Whitney via the McClure Trail, or east to the Pembroke area, or club trails.

The parking lot is located on the east side of Highway 28 approximately 1.6 km north of the village of Lake St. Peter.

For more information and a map contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 500, Bancroft,  
Ontario L0L 1C0  
(613) 332-3940.

## **23 Horseshoe Lake Trail**

Coldwater area

This trail commences from a parking lot located 23 km north of Coldwater on the Severn Falls Road (Simcoe County Road 17). The trail is a circular 30 km route and can be travelled in three to four hours at normal cruising speed. It provides a wide variety of terrain including marshes, high rocky cuts, old logging trails and timber lands. Two stop-over points have been developed.

For more information and a map contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0  
(705) 728-2900.

## **24 Ptarmigan Trail**

Coldwater area

Commencing from the same starting point as the Horseshoe Lake Trail, this 23 km circular route can be travelled in 2 to 3 hours at normal cruising speed. The terrain is varied including lakes, marshes, high rocky cuts and timber land. Two stop-over points are provided.

For more information and a map contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0  
(705) 728-2900.

## **25 Barr Tract Trail**

Barrie area

It is located 1.6 km east of Craighurst (Highway 93) on County Road 22, or 18 km west of Prices Corners (Highway 12), again on County Road 22. It can be travelled in 1 or 2 hours.

For more information and a map contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0  
(705) 728-2900.



**26 Pfefferlaw Trail**

Pfefferlaw area

The entrance to this 5 km loop is located 1.5 km south of the intersection of Highway 48, and Regional Road 21. The parking lot is located on the west side of the regional road. This trail loops through pine plantations and a generous dispersment of open areas.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
R.R. 2, Sutton West,  
Ontario L0E 1R0  
(416) 722-3268.

**27 Uxbridge Trail**

Uxbridge area

The entrance to this 8 km loop is located 6 km south of Uxbridge on the Seventh concession road, beginning at the Ministry of Natural Resources Junior Ranger Camp. This trail consists of three smaller circular loops which travel through pine plantations and affords some excellent viewing points along the way.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
R.R. 2, Sutton West,  
Ontario L0E 1R0  
(416) 722-3268.

**28 Bon Echo Outward Bound Trail**

Bon Echo Provincial Park area

This 48 km trail leaves Bon Echo Provincial Park and follows a circular route passing Pringle, Skootamatta and Sheldrake Lakes. It passes west of the village of Cloyne, and returns to the park.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Metcalf Street,  
Tweed, Ontario K0K 3J0  
(613) 478-2330.

**29 Ottawa — Carleton Forest Trail**

Kemptville area

This 41 km circular route is located in Rideau Township. Parking is available at the starting point, the Cedar Grove Picnic site, located on Ottawa-Carleton Regional Road 4 approximately 8 km west of North Gower or on Ottawa-Carleton Regional Road 4 approximately 3 km east of Regional Road 3. The trail winds northward through forested land and past several open areas.

For more information and a map contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Ramsayville, Ontario K0A 2Y0  
(613) 822-2525.



### **30 Torbolton Forest Snowmobile Trail (Constance Bay Snowmobile Trail)**

Arnprior area

Located by the Ottawa River, this 25 km trail follows fireguards and roads. It is located approximately 66 km northwest of Ottawa in the Constance Bay area. Take Highway 17 to Regional Road 9 then travel north 21 km to Regional Road 139. Parking is available at the Ministry of Natural Resources picnic site or the Casino Dance Hall or near the Constance Bay Fire Hall.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Ramsayville, Ontario K0A 2Y0  
(613) 822-2525.

### **31 Lanark Snowmobile Trails**

Perth area

These trails are located in Lavant and Dalhousie Townships, 33 km northwest of Perth on Lanark County Road 16. There are 60 km of one and two way groomed corridor trails joining with Silver Lake and District Snowmobile Club Trails and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Trails. There are also 40 km of non-corridor and loop trails which have signs but are not groomed.

Meals and accommodation are available within snowmobiling distance of the trails at private resorts.

For more information and maps contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 239, Lanark, Ontario K0G 1K0  
(613) 259-2108.

### **32 Larose Forest**

Casselman area

Located on over 10,000 hectares of Public Land and County Forest, 166 km of trails and roads provide a wide variety of terrain for snowmobilers and include stop-over points. The area is located 50 km east of Ottawa, north of Casselman.

For more information and maps contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
113 Amelia Street, Box 1749,  
Cornwall, Ontario K6H 5V7  
(613) 933-1774.

### **33 St. Lawrence Parks Commission**

Morrisburg area

Approximately 66 km of snowmobile trails are situated within Crystler Farm Battlefield Park, 10 km east of Morrisburg at Highway 401 (Interchange 120) and Brown's Bay Park near Mallorytown. Facilities include plowed parking lots, restaurant, shelters, tobogganing and sleigh rides.

For more information and a map contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Morrisburg, Ontario K0C 1X0  
(613) 543-2951.



### **34 Limerick Forest**

#### **Prescott area**

This extensive area of reforestation managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources provides the setting for 146 km of marked trails. Follow County Road 18 north from Prescott 12 km to Roebuck. Continue north for 10 km on a Township road to the forest headquarters.

For more information and maps contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
101 Water Street,  
Brockville, Ontario K6V 5Y8  
(613) 342-8524.

## Ministry-Operated Cross-Country Ski Trails on Public Land

The Ministry of Natural Resources maintains a number of ski trails on Public Land. All trails are well marked and most are groomed (i.e. ski tracks are set with grooming machines). As with snowmobile trails, the cross-country ski trails are provided with plowed parking lots and some have other facilities such as garbage cans, toilets and fireplaces. The trails may be used free of charge.

Prior to using some of the more remote trails, you should leave word of your departure and expected time of return. Plan your trips carefully to avoid being caught out after dark.

Refer to the map for the location of these trails. The letter on the map corresponds to the letters keyed below.

### A Ignace Ski Trail

Ignace area

Access to an extensive network of loop trails may be gained from a parking lot which is located west of Highway 599 north of the entrance to Sandbar Lake Provincial Park. The trails lead through a variety of terrain and follow old bush roads in some areas.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Highway 17, Ignace, Ontario P0T 1T0  
(807) 934-2233.

### B Big Sawbill Cross-Country Ski Trail

Fort Frances area

This trail system is located on the Manitou Access Road, Highway 812, which leads northward off Highway 11 from a point to the east of Fort Frances. Access to the system is provided at two parking lots: one 21 km north of Highway 11, the other, 30 km north. A 28 km main trail links the two parking lots and is provided with four rest stops. A series of loop trails near the northern parking lot presents opportunities for shorter trips of a few hours' duration. The main trail presents a rugged challenge to novice skiers and hence is recommended for hardy individuals. Less arduous trips are possible on the loop trails which are shorter and avoid some steep sections which are encountered on the main trail.

The trail network leads through prime game country and animal tracks are abundant, particularly around the southern part of Big Sawbill Lake. It also provides an opportunity to see some magnificent country seldom seen by others save an occasional hunter or trapper.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
922 Scott Street,  
Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 1J4  
(807) 274-5337.



**C Reef Point — Hopkins Bay Trail**

Fort Frances area

In cooperation with local skiers the Ministry maintains a series of trails northeast of the Reef Point Road which is located north off Highway 11 at a point approximately 16 km east of Fort Frances. The trails are located adjacent to the Hopkins Bay Road (which branches off the Reef Point Road) and a hydro line. The 7 km system passes through a variety of terrain and provides a range of opportunities which should satisfy most skiers.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
922 Scott Street,  
Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 1J4  
(807) 274-5337.

**D Mink Lake Trail**

Atikokan area

This trail is located 50 km east of Atikokan on Highway 11 and starts across from the French Lake OPP office. The trail follows a series of old roads for approximately 13 km through rolling terrain covered in a second-growth forest and offers pleasant skiing.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0  
(807) 597-6971.

**E Beaver Lake Trail**

Atikokan area

Constructed in the summer of 1977 by a group of Experience '77 students, this 6 km trail is located at the junction of Highway 11 and 11B south of Atikokan. It offers a challenge to the skier who enjoys a winding trail and an occasional short steep hill.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0  
(807) 597-6971.

**F Lerome Lake Ski Trail**

Atikokan area

The trail is located off Highway 11 approximately 10 km west from the junction of Highways 11 and 11B (south of Atikokan). About 14 km long, this trail offers a variety of loops following old roads and hydro corridors.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0  
(807) 597-6971.

**G Golf Course Ski Trail**

Atikokan area

Approximately 4 km of trail have been established on the municipal golf course in Atikokan. The trail is ideal for novice skiers or those looking for a skiing opportunity close to town.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0  
(807) 597-6971.

**H Kamview Cross-Country Ski Area**

Thunder Bay area

Located off the 20th sideroad 1.5 km north of Highway 61, this is one of the most popular areas for cross-country skiing near Thunder Bay. The rolling landscape of the historic Kaministiquia River Uplands is ideal for skiing and the 14 km system of loop trails provides skiers with a variety of trail experiences.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
435 James Street South,  
P.O. Box 5000, Thunder Bay "F",  
Ontario P7C 5G6  
(807) 475-1531.

### **I Prince/Jarvis Cross-Country Ski Area**

Thunder Bay area

This area may be reached by travelling 31 km south of the Thunder Bay Airport on Highway 61 and then proceeding west on the Sturgeon Bay Road for 10 km. A total of 35.7 km of trails has been constructed through this extremely rugged and scenic area. The trails feature some spectacular lookouts from cliff tops several hundred feet above Lake Superior and while the trails are not overly difficult, they are not recommended for the beginning skier.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
435 James Street South,  
P.O. Box 5000, Thunder Bay "F",  
Ontario P7C 5G6  
(807) 475-1531.

### **J Beaubien Lake Trail**

Kenora area

Located 17 km north of Kenora on Jones Road this cross-country ski trail is 20 km return with two-way traffic. Shelters are provided at the 3.6 km and 9 km mark. Cleared parking is available for 20 vehicles.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 5080,  
Kenora, Ontario P9N 3X9  
(807) 468-9841.

### **K Nordic Ski Trail**

Schreiber area

This trail is located 3.2 km east of Schreiber on the Schreiber Dump Road off Highway 17. Four loop trails, each varying in difficulty, lead skiers through gently rolling to moderately steep terrain.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0  
(807) 825-3205.

### **L Northumberland County Forest**

Cobourg area

Four trails totalling 17.8 km have been developed within this 2,000 hectare tract of pine plantation and natural woodlands. Each trail is marked with coloured arrows and begins and ends at a plowed parking lot on the Beagle Club Road. The red and green trails are recommended for experienced skiers as they include some steep and difficult sections. The area may be reached by turning off Highway 45 onto the Beagle Club Road at a point 20 km north of Cobourg.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
322 Kent Street West,  
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 2Z9  
(705) 324-6121.

### **M Kemptville Nursery Forest**

Kemptville area

Starting at three entrances on the east side of old Highway 16, 0.4 km north of Kemptville, these trails lead for 20 km through gently rolling pine and hardwood forests, with beaver ponds, streams and small clearings.

For more information and a map contact:

G. Howard Ferguson Forest Station,  
Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0  
(613) 258-3413 Ext. 213.

### **N Victoria County Forest — Emily Tract**

Lindsay area

3 km of cross-country skiing trails are provided through the red pine plantations and mixed woodland within the 80 hectare tract.

For more information contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources,  
322 Kent Street West,  
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 2Z9  
(705) 324-6121.



**O The Victoria County Agreement Forest Public Cross-Country Ski Trail**

Kinmount area

This trail, located 5.6 km east of Kinmount on Highway 503, is designed primarily for the beginner and novice skier.

This two loop trail has a total length of 8 km and traverses gently rolling terrain.

Parking, trail brochures and toilet facilities are provided at the trail entrance.

For more information and a map contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0  
(705) 286-1521.

**P Sudden Tract Recreation Trail**

Cambridge area

This recreational trail of approximately 2 km in length offers a challenge to both the intermediate and expert skier. A plowed parking lot as well as picnic tables and garbage cans are available. The area may be reached by taking Highway 24A for approximately 11 km southwest of Cambridge, Ontario.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
1470 Bronte Road North,  
Oakville, Ontario L6J 4Z3  
(416) 827-6911 or (416) 335-0023.

**Q Forest Lea Cross-Country Ski Trail**

Pembroke area

The trail is located 13 km west of Pembroke on Forest Lea Road. The trail is based on a stacked loop concept, offering a variety of travel routes and terrain conditions, totalling approximately 14 km in length.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 220, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 6X4  
(613) 732-3661.

**R Birch Lake Trail**

Kenora area

Located 10 km west of Kenora on Highway 17 at Birch Lake, this trail is a scenic 5 km circle for cross-country skiing. Cleared parking is available for 10 vehicles.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 5080, Kenora, Ontario P9N 3X9  
(807) 468-9841.

**S Cedar Bay Area**

Sioux Lookout area

Cross-country ski trail system operated in conjunction with the Nordic Nomads Ski Club. The trails are located adjacent to the north end of the town of Sioux Lookout. There are approximately 15 km of trails. Access is available from the Golf & Curling Club, Cedar Bay Recreation Area, Zone Hospital and the Fire Hall. Two racing trails are available — one 2.5 km loop and a 5 km loop.

For more information contact:  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
Box 309,  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario P0V 2T0  
(807) 737-1140.

NOTE: For information on cross-country ski trails in Provincial Parks please turn to Page 3.

**Rules and Tips for Snowmobilers and  
Cross-Country Skiers**

**1 Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, 1974**

Snowmobile operators are reminded of two key sections of The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, 1974:

- 11 - (1)

No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle upon a highway or public trail unless he is insured under a motor vehicle liability policy in accordance with The Insurance Act, and the owner of a motorized snow vehicle shall not permit any person to drive the vehicle upon a highway or public trail unless the driver is so insured.
- 17

No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle or ride on a motorized snow vehicle or on a cutter, toboggan, sled or similar conveyance towed by a motorized snow vehicle on a serviced roadway or public trail unless he is wearing a helmet that complies with the regulations.

**2 The Provincial Parks Act: Regulations**

Section 22 of the Provincial Parks Regulations states:

- 22 - (1)

No person shall operate an all terrain vehicle in a provincial park except,  
(a) in an area operated by the superintendent for the purpose; and  
(b) where such person is the holder of an all terrain vehicle permit.
- (2)

The fee for an all terrain vehicle permit is \$1.00.



### 3 Enjoying the Outdoors

To enable everyone to enjoy the outdoors, some general rules of the trail should be followed.

- (a) Tell someone where you plan to go and when you will return.
- (b) Don't start out on a long trail late in the day.
- (c) Try not to over-exert yourself while getting into shape — tired muscles are easily injured!
- (d) Concentrate on exhaling forcibly; it is very effective in reducing the tiring effect of strenuous exercise.
- (e) Keep an eye out for landmarks. On longer or unfamiliar trails, carry a compass and map.
- (f) Never cross a lake or stream without knowing the ice conditions.
- (g) Travel with a party of three or more. In case of a mishap, one can remain while one goes for help.
- (h) Be prepared for emergencies. When snowmobiling, carry a spare drive belt, spark plugs, tool kit and first aid kit. (When skiing, carry a first aid kit and spare ski tip).
- (i) Do not build fires along the trail.
- (j) Stay on the marked trail. If you fall while cross-country skiing and damage the trail, repair or re-track the trail.
- (k) Carry out your garbage.

### 4 Dressing for Cross-Country Skiing

- (a) Clothing should be lightweight yet loose.
- (b) It is better to wear several light sweaters than one thick heavy one.
- (c) Use a backpack or a waistpack when carrying food, wax, extra socks, etc.
- (d) Tuck your pantlegs inside your socks; keep them from getting soaked.
- (e) It is better to overdress than underdress. On extended trips an over-abundance of clothes is welcome at times.
- (f) Mittens keep hands warm longer than gloves.
- (g) Always take a hat along: if you get cold, put it on. Feeling hot — take it off!
- (h) Limit perspiring, if possible. If you sweat now, you will be cold later.

### 5 Ways to Keep Warm

- (a) Anticipate becoming cold. Put extra clothing on before you need it — not after.
- (b) Eat high energy food and drink plenty of warm beverages.
- (c) If you are cold, exercise to increase circulation and body warmth.
- (d) Practice the buddy system. Check your buddy's face for frostbite. The affected area will turn white. Usually the first areas affected are nose, forehead, cheeks and ears, those areas exposed to the wind. In colder conditions, the hands and feet can suffer from frost bite.
- (e) The safest way to deal with frostbite is to gradually warm the affected area with body heat. Remove gloves or tight boots and put hands or feet of the victim inside your jacket and in your armpits. **Do not rub. Do not rub with snow. Do not apply direct heat.**

6 Waxing for Cross-Country Skis

Temperature (°C)	Snow Conditions	Which Wax
-17°C and under	Falling. . .New. . .Old	Green and Special Green
From 17°C to 4°C	Falling. . .New. . .Old Wet Snow	Blue Purple
From 1°C to 4°C	Falling mixed with rain New Wet Snow	Yellow Red
From 4°C to 7°C	Wet. . .Old. . .Granular	Red Klister
From -17°C to 1°C	Hard. . .Crusty. . .Icy	Blue Klister

- (a) The colder the conditions, the harder the wax.
- (b) Wax in one direction, from tip to tail.
- (c) Smooth in wax with cork or palm of hand.
- (d) Wax hard rather than soft — it's almost impossible to put hard wax over soft.
- (e) Snow sticking to the bottom of your ski?  
You've waxed too soft. .
- (f) Carry your wax with you at all times.



Provincial Park		Snowmobiling	Marked Trails	On Park Roads Only	Prohibited	See Text	Camping	Few or No Facilities	Prohibited	Cross-country Skiing	Marked XC Ski Trails	See Text
Aaron			•					•				
Algonquin					•		•			•	•	
Antoine			•				•					
Arrowhead				•	•			•		•		
Awenda		•			•			•		•	•	
Balsam Lake		•			•		•			•	•	
Bass Lake				•	•		•			•	•	
Batchawana Bay			•					•				
Blue Lake			•				•					
Bon Echo		•			•		•			•	•	
Bonnechere			•					•				
Bronte Creek				•				•		•	•	
Caliper Lake			•					•				
Carillon			•				•			•	•	
Carson Lake			•					•				
Charleston Lake		•			•		•			•	•	
Chutes			•				•					
Craigleith								•				
Cyprus Lake				•			•					
Darlington			•				•			•	•	
Devil's Glen				•				•				
Driftwood			•					•				
Earl Rowe							•			•	•	
Emily			•				•					
Esker Lakes			•				•					
Fairbank			•				•					
Ferris			•				•			•	•	
Finlayson Point		•			•		•			•	•	
Fitzroy		•			•		•			•	•	
Five Mile Lake			•				•					
Fushimi Lake			•				•					
Greenwater			•				•					
Grundy Lake								•				
Halfway Lake			•				•					
Holiday Beach								•				
Inverhuron				•				•				













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